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**Art Unit 1642**

Re: U.S. Utility Patent Application  
Application No. 09/720,086; § 371 Date: July 23, 2001  
For: **De novo DNA Cytosine Methyltransferase Genes, Polypeptides and  
Uses Thereof**  
Inventors: Li *et al.*  
Our Ref: 0609.4560002/JAG/KRM/DJN

Sir:

Transmitted herewith for appropriate action are the following documents:

1. Request for Corrected Notice of Acceptance of Application Under 35 U.S.C. 371 and 37 CFR 1.494 or 1.495;
2. Copy of Original Notice of Acceptance of Application Under 35 U.S.C. 371 and 37 CFR 1.494 or 1.495 with changes marked in red;
3. Copy of stamped postcard with correct date on which requirements of 35 U.S.C. 371 c(1), c(2), and c(4) were met;
4. One (1) return postcard.

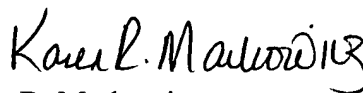
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Applicants hereby request that a corrected Notice of Acceptance of Application Under 35 U.S.C. 371 and 37 CFR 1.494 or 1.495 be issued and sent to the undersigned representative. Specifically, the following corrections to the Notice of Acceptance of Application Under 35 U.S.C. 371 and 37 CFR 1.494 or 1.495 are requested: **Above "Date of Receipt of 35 U.S.C. 371(c)(1), (c)(2) and (c)(4) Requirements" please delete -- 07/13/2001-- and insert --07/23/2001--.** In support of the above request, a photocopy of the Notice of Acceptance of Application Under 35 U.S.C. 371 and 37 CFR 1.494 or 1.495 is enclosed with the corrections noted in red along with a copy of the stamped postcard with the correct date on which the requirements of 35 U.S.C. 371 c(1), c(2), and c(4) were met. It is requested that a corrected Notice of Acceptance of Application Under 35 U.S.C. 371 and 37 CFR 1.494 or 1.495 be issued, and sent to the undersigned at the earliest possible time.


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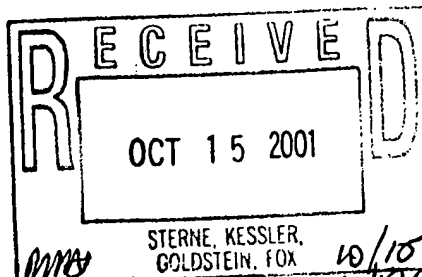
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The following items have been received:

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- Biochemical Sequence Diskette
- Biochemical Sequence Listing
- Copy of IPE Report
- Copy of references cited in ISR
- Copy of the International Application
- Copy of the International Search Report
- Oath or Declaration
- Request for Immediate Examination

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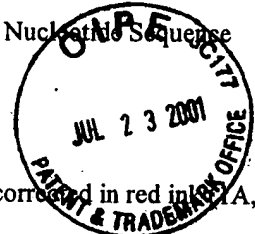
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When receipt stamp is placed hereon, the USPTO acknowledges receipt of the following documents:

1. SKGF Cover Letter (*in duplicate*);
2. PTO Fee Transmittal Form (PTO/SB/17);
3. Petition For Extension of Time Under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a)(1) (*in duplicate*);
4. Copy of the Notification of Missing Requirements Under 35 U.S.C. 371 in the United States Designated/Elected Office;
5. Copy of the Notification to Comply with Requirements for Patent Applications Containing Nucleotide Sequence and/or Amino Acid Sequence Disclosures;
6. Original Declaration, executed by inventors En Li and Masaki Okano;
7. Original Declaration, executed by inventor Shaoping Xie;
8. Paper and computer readable copy of Sequence Listing;
9. Request to Approve Proposed Drawing Corrections, along with 12 sheets of Figures hand-corrected in red ink in 1A, 1B-1, 1C, 2A, 2B, 2C, 3A, and 3B);
10. Our check no. 31978 for \$55.00 to cover the extension of time fee under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136 (*small entity*); and
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